

Remarks

This amendment was originally filed March 18, 2004. The date of deposit in the certificate of mailing was identified as March 18, 2003. Applicants' attorney received a phone call from the Examiner indicating that the filing date of the amendment on March 18, 2004 was not given as a result and therefore requested a 1 month extension in order to have the amendment considered timely filed. Therefore, applicants submit herewith a petition for a 1 month extension of the term.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's objection to claims 12 and 18. The claims have been amended in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.116(b) in order to comply with requirements of form expressly set forth in the previous Office Action and to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. The amendments are strictly as to form correcting for typographical errors and antecedent basis. The amendments do not touch upon the merits of the application. Entry of the amendment after final is therefore appropriate.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of the claims as anticipated by SISKKA under 35 USC § 102(e).

Applicants are very surprised by the Examiner's rejection. More particularly, the assertion that the cited document SISKKA would teach a language interpreter as recited in the independent claims of the application is very surprising.

The independent claims recite that the "program language interpreter is adapted to determine whether a read code value corresponds to a standard type code (e.g. non compacted code) or to a specific type code (e.g. compacted code)."

In the practical embodiment of the invention, many advantages result from this feature. Indeed, in a same program, non compacted code parts can usually be added to compacted code parts. The program language interpreter is adapted for recognizing and interpreting the compacted parts and the non compacted parts, as well.

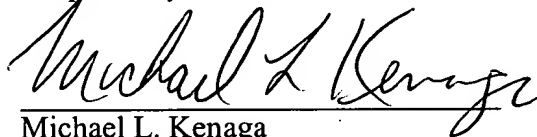
In SISKa (see line 64, column 7 – line 5, column 8), it is specifically indicated that the entire program is being compacted, preferably. It is simply added that “selection of sequences for compression is considered to be within the scope of the present invention.” Nevertheless, the run of the program with compacted parts and non compacted parts is never described in SISKa.

SISKa does not disclose a remaining non compacted part in the program. Thus, SISKa cannot teach the language program interpreter according to the invention.

In page 13 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicates that SISKa does disclose the “functionality” of the applicant’s program language interpreter. The Examiner seems to make this assertion on the basis of a personal deduction as applicants are unable to identify any such embodiment from the disclosure of SISKa. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide an affidavit in accordance with 37 CFR § 104(d)(2).

In view of the foregoing comments and amendment, applicants respectfully request the Examiner’s reconsideration and to find claims 12-22 allowable over the prior art of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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